

Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department

2018 Candidate Physical Ability Test Orientation Information

Please Read Everything Carefully

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Prince George's County firefighter. The next step is the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). The CPAT is an extremely demanding test requiring physical and mental discipline. Because it is a physically demanding test, you are required to complete a Waiver of Claim for Injury before participating in CPAT practice and final runs; the completed form should be brought with you to each practice run and the final.

You will be required to present your driver's license when you sign in at orientation, the practice tests and on the final test day. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PROPER IDENTIFICATION.** You must wear long pants, and footwear closed at the heel and toe. Jewelry and watches are not allowed. All other equipment (hard hat, gloves, etc.) will be provided. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PROPER CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. CELLPHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

As part of the testing process, you are offered orientation and two practice tests before your final test; however, you can waive your opportunity to attend orientation and the two practice tests and just take the CPAT final. We strongly encourage you to attend all sessions as you'll have three opportunities to pass. If you pass a practice test you will be considered as having passed CPAT and your testing process will be complete. If you decide to take the CPAT final **only**, you will need to submit the CPAT Waiver of Claim for Injury and the Waiver of CPAT Orientation and Practice Runs to PGFD-CPAT@co.pg.md.us before Sunday, March 18, 2018. You will then be scheduled for a CPAT final.

After you complete orientation, you will be assigned to a CPAT group; group assignments with testing dates and times will be sent via email.

CPAT participants must bring a **NOTARIZED** Authorization for Release of Personal Information to the first practice test (or final test for those who have waived orientation); bringing this form to an orientation session is preferred.

Additional information and all forms required for this process can also be found at the following site:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2768/CPAT>

NOTE: WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CPAT CERTIFICATES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS. ALSO, ALL RESULTS ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR HIRING PROCESS.